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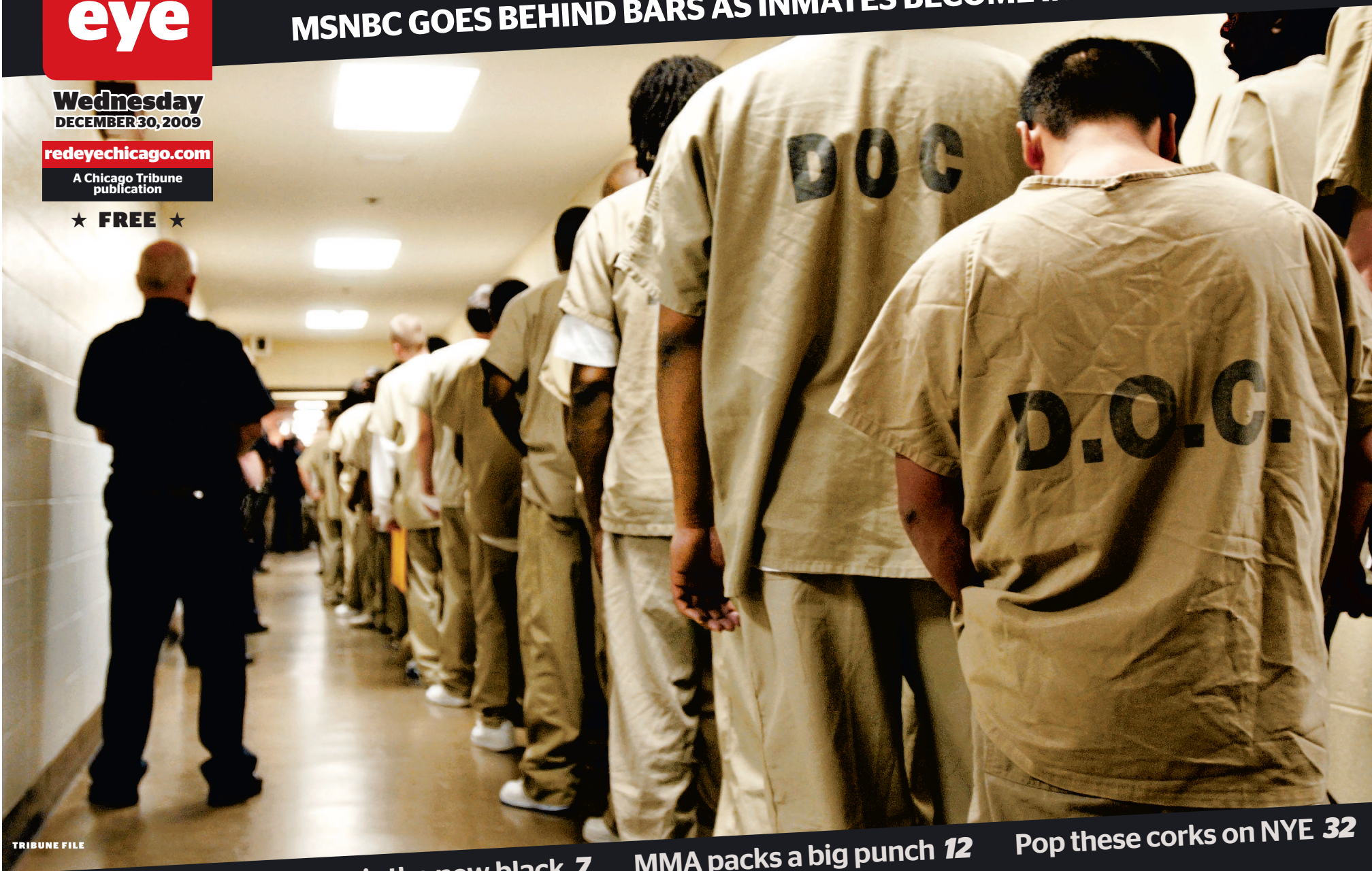
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# WHO YOU VIBIN'?

It's Wednesday, peeps! Another installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin'?" online dating contest has come to a close, and the winner is ... Joseph Mainwaring! We put Mainwaring's dater profile along with two other single guys on RedEye's blog and asked readers to vote on whom they're vibin' the most. If you're interested in getting in touch with Mainwaring, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether he responds is up to him, of course. Sign up for the fun—and check out the new bachelorettes featured this week—at [redeychicago.com/vibin](http://redeychicago.com/vibin).

## What do you do?

Computer geek for a nonprofit.

## Seeking?

A woman who likes to both go out and stay in, has a great personality and a sense of humor to match, and enjoys sports.

## The most embarrassing thing I'll admit here:

I've probably seen every episode of "Sex and the City."



## You know you want me because:

I'm ambitious, adventurous, great cook, oh and I can relate most things in life to some sports analogy.

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## My drink of choice is ...

While I'm tempted to bust into a lyric from a Lil John music video ... You can't argue with a cold Miller Lite.

**Name:** Joseph Mainwaring

**Age:** 23

**Neighborhood:** Lakeview

**E-mail:** [joseph.mainwaring@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.mainwaring@gmail.com)

## To listen

Catch some classical music in a non-traditional setting at Classical Revolution Chicago's free "Nearly New Year's" performance at 9 p.m. Wednesday at Gallery Cabaret (2020 N. Oakley Ave.).

## To browse

Bid on props and memorabilia from the recently concluded "Survivor: Samoa" at [ebay.com/survivor](http://ebay.com/survivor). All proceeds benefit host Jeff Probst's charity, the Serpentine Project. Or raid Kim Kardashian's closet at [ebay.com/kimskloset](http://ebay.com/kimskloset), where a portion of the proceeds go to the Dream Foundation.

## To click

Prepare to see an alternate perspective of Times Square from what you get on TV during New Year's Eve festivities Thursday at [livestream.com/2010](http://livestream.com/2010). The Webcast begins at 4:50 p.m. Central.

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## TODAY'S FORECAST

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## Polite conversation

*Something to talk about at your next dinner party*

Once in a blue moon there actually is a blue moon on New Year's Eve.

This week, there'll be a so-called blue moon around for the New Year's countdown Thursday.

According to popular definition, a blue moon is the second full moon in a month. But don't expect it to be blue—the name has nothing to do with its color.

This month's first full moon occurred Dec. 2. On New Year's Eve, a full moon will be visible in the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Africa.

For purists, however, a blue moon is an extra full moon in a typical three-moon season. So this New Year's Eve full moon doesn't even count. **AP**

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#### SIZE

##### BEER:

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##### MOON:

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**WINNER**

#### EFFECTS

##### BEER:

Gives you "liquid courage"

##### MOON:

Makes you crazy

**WINNER**

#### USEFULNESS

##### BEER:

Part of the system that keeps ugly people in the dating game

##### MOON:

Part of the system that keeps the universe in balance

**WINNER**

**OVERALL WINNER**  
The blue moon

# The end of free TV?

Insiders say new business models could pull the plug on no-fee broadcasts one day

## Associated Press

For more than 60 years, TV stations have broadcast news, sports and entertainment for free and made their money by showing commercials. That might not work much longer.

The business model is unraveling at ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox and the local stations that carry the networks' programming. Cable TV and the Web have fractured the audience for free TV and siphoned its ad dollars. The recession has squeezed advertising further, forcing broadcasters to accelerate their push for new revenue to pay for programming.

That will play out in living rooms across the

country. The changes could mean higher cable or satellite TV bills, as the networks and local stations squeeze more fees from pay-TV providers such as Comcast and DirecTV for the right to show broadcast TV channels in their lineups. The networks might even ditch free broadcast signals in the next few years. Instead, they could operate as cable channels—a move that could spell the end of free TV as Americans have known it since the 1940s.

"Good programming is expensive," Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns Fox, told a shareholder meeting this fall. "It can no longer be supported solely by advertising revenues."

Fox is pursuing its strategy in public, warning that its broadcasts—including college football bowl games—could go dark Friday for subscribers of Time Warner Cable, unless the pay-TV operator gives Fox higher fees. For its part, Time Warner Cable is asking customers whether it should "roll over" or "get tough" in negotiations.

The future of free TV also could be altered as the biggest pay-TV provider, Comcast Corp., prepares to take control of NBC. Comcast has not signaled plans to end NBC's free broadcasts. But Jeff Zucker, who runs NBC and its sister cable channels, told investors this month that "the cable model is just superior to the broadcast model."

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

### The traditional broadcast model works like this:

CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox distribute shows through a network of local stations.

→ The networks own a few stations in big markets, but most are "affiliates," owned by separate companies.

→ Traditionally the networks paid affiliates to broadcast their shows, though those fees have dwindled to near nothing as local stations have seen their audience shrink. What hasn't changed is where the money mainly comes from: advertising.

### Cable channels work like this:

They make most of their money by charging pay-TV providers a monthly fee per subscriber for their programming.

↓ On average, the pay-TV providers pay about 26 cents for each channel they carry, according to research firm SNL Kagan.

↓ A channel as highly rated as ESPN can get close to \$4, while some, such as MTV2, go for just a few pennies.





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# U.K. visit enough to make U Krazy

I spent my Christmas vacation across the pond in the coastal city of Brighton, U.K., visiting my sister, who goes to school there.

I love the United Kingdom with its funny accents and meals that resemble the food in the back of the refrigerator whipped together to feed the family dog.

Every time I visit, though, there are little differences that drive me half-batty because they go so thoroughly against my American sensibilities. These are not cultural differences necessarily, but discrepancies in how one interacts with the day-to-day world.

Take the monetary situation, for instance—not the exchange rate (which sucked), but the change situation. The British have a one pound coin and a two pound coin, so whenever you get change from a larger bill, you have to accept the fact that your pants pocket will now sag noticeably.

It's not like the States where we just toss our loose change into ponds or set it on fire. In Britain you actually have to hold on to it. It makes you feel vaguely like Scrooge McDuck.

Also, the concept of the adjustable-temperature faucet has yet to reach the Brits. Every faucet I saw had two spigots, one for freezing cold water and one that spewed scalding hot liquid magma (OK, I'm exaggerating a little; but it was hot!). When washing my hands I was faced with the prospect of either washing my hands with frigid water or visiting the burn unit.

I'm not exaggerating when I say that I spent 10 to 15 minutes fiddling with the four knobs and two levers in the hotel shower the first time I had to wash the back-of-the-refrigerator-family-dog meal from my skin. If I visit again, I'm getting an engineering degree from MIT first.

Finally, I have an age-old American complaint, which is that crossing the street in a country where they drive on the other side of the road is nearly impossible.

Your programming simply does not allow you to remember which way to look first because you'll instinctively second-guess that glance and snap your head the other way, and pretty soon you just look like a manic squirrel that's eaten a handful of Adderall.

Even with this abundance of caution, I still found myself almost killed by a passing car every time I stepped off a curb. You basically end up contemplating your mortality every 3 minutes or so, which is way too exhausting.

Want to know the only thing that saved me? It's hard to move quickly when you're dragging a McDuck-size change purse in each pocket.

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## Homicides down 11% in Chicago

**Weis says new strategies helped reverse 2008 spike**

### Chicago Tribune

Homicides in the city have dropped by 11 percent, apparently reversing the 2008 spike and bringing the city more in line with a decline that started in the early part of the decade.

There were 453 homicides through Monday, compared with 509 at the same time last year. Shootings were down 6 percent.

"I said at the end of the year that 2008 was the year of transition," Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis said. "I [expected] 2009 to be the year of results."

Experts cautioned against blaming or crediting any one person or strategy for a one-year crime trend, but Weis and other department officials said several efforts launched this year have chipped away at the violence.

City gang teams were reorganized, and they were given a new mission: more search warrants and fewer street-corner drug investigations.

They were also told to ramp up their use of informants so that they could make more informed arrests.

In the districts, commanders and community members say they've been working, including tracking gang anniversary dates, to make a difference on the blocks where they police and live.

Still, because Chicago's homicide total brings the city in line with declines experienced here and nationally throughout much of the decade, some suggest the more compelling question could be what happened in 2008.

Last year "was the anomaly," said James Alan Fox, a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston. "This year is part of the pattern."

Weis doesn't agree that the 511 slayings in 2008 were out of step with the declines of the decade, especially compared with the 1990s when homicides were still in the 900s.

But 2008 was marked by high turnover. Several commanders were moved into new positions, including many in the districts.

Weis said he spent a good part of 2009 encouraging commanders to be creative and find solutions unique to their crime patterns instead of using cookie-cutter approaches.



Teen phenomenon Tavi Gevinson draws nearly 30,000 viewers each day to her fashion blog, Style Rookie. **HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE**

## She's a style child

### 13-year-old suburban blogger is the latest rage in fashion

### Chicago Tribune

You might have shoes that are older than her. Tavi Gevinson, who began blogging about fashion from her suburban bedroom at age 11, is a star of sorts.

The 8th grader can be found in the front row at New York's Fashion Week, adorning the cover of Pop magazine and helping launch a fashion line for Target.

The daughter of a high school English teacher, Gevinson, now 13, combined her razor-sharp writing skills, precocious attitude and Internet savvy into a high profile in the fashion community, using her youth and small size as bold exclamation points.

"She's only 13, but Tavi Gevinson has the fashion world enraptured," gushed Harper's Bazaar in the introduction to a column Gevinson penned for the January issue, making her the youngest writer ever published in the magazine.

Like a pint-sized suburban superhero, Gevinson passes her days as a typical middle school student before transforming by night into a celebrated author and star of her blog, Style Rookie. She posts artistic photos of herself dressed in cutting-edge outfits and serves up sophisticated musings on trends, drawing nearly 30,000 viewers daily to [tavi-thenewgirlintown.blogspot.com](http://tavi-thenewgirlintown.blogspot.com).

She's a tween phenomenon who would have been impossible before the Internet, but her success is not just virtual. To the dismay of some members of fashion's old guard, Tavi has recently leaped into the scene on which she comments, submitting to a photo shoot in London, hanging with elite fashion designers in Tokyo and hobnobbing with Gwen Stefani, Chloe Sevigny and other celebrity guests at an event at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles.

Some in the industry suggest the young

blogger could be more novelty than anything, but Harper's, Target and others are betting on her.

Asked if she was worried about being used as a gimmick, Gevinson said she would never be a part of anything she does not admire. She has said no to 95 percent of interview requests. She's declined reality show pitches, book deals and other opportunities.

And she says she will stop blogging if it causes her grades to suffer.

The inspiration for Style Rookie came, she said, in 6th grade. A friend's teenage sister had launched a Web site in which she posted critiques of fashion trends and photographs of herself modeling.

"I never really liked writing before because at school I never got to write about what I like," Gevinson said. "With my blog, it's my thoughts, like my brain is being translated onto the computer."



## Truck crashes into house

A pickup truck went off a railroad viaduct and crashed into a house on the Southwest Side on Tuesday, a fire official said. The green Ford pickup slammed into a building in the 3600 block of West 61st Street about 5:30 p.m., said Fire Department spokesman Will Knight. It was unknown if anyone was injured in the accident, Knight said. A neighbor said he heard the sound of the truck hitting the home.

## Body scanners coming to O'Hare

Body-scanning security equipment is headed to O'Hare. Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino on Tuesday said the Transportation Security Agency plans to bring full-body scanners to O'Hare sometime in the first half of 2010. The department says it has no details on the number of scanners or whether they're the type critics have called "virtual strip searches." O'Hare has 12 security checkpoints, each with several lines.

## 2 police-involved shootings

Chicago police shot and killed a man who pointed a gun at them on the Northwest Side in one of two police-involved shootings reported in the city Monday night and early Tuesday morning. In the second instance, police said they wounded a fleeing suspect during a foot chase on the West Side. The suspect had pointed a gun at pursuing officers, police said.

## THE DIGIT

# 8,000

The Illinois Public Health Department has received more than 8,000 smoking-related complaints since the Smoke Free Illinois Act went into effect Jan. 1, 2008.



Police arrested several people and collected guns during an illegal club-style party at a warehouse in the 4400 block of West Fifth Avenue. **MICHAEL TERCHA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Cops bust illegal party in Lawndale

Like many other illegal parties in Chicago, the one police shut down Sunday in a former industrial building on the West Side had flowing liquor and spinning DJs.

But this party in Lawndale also featured what police called "an elaborate, club-style entry," with four industrial spotlights illuminating a sign and velvet ropes marking the entrance.

The party was busted when a neighbor made a complaint about the blaring music coming from the 4400 block of West Fifth Avenue, Chicago police said.

When officers from the Police Department's Mobile Strike Force arrived about 12:45 a.m. Sunday, they found a line of people waiting to be patted down by two men in body armor acting as security guards. Inside, more than 300 people packed the one-story industrial building, down-

ing \$5 drinks and dancing the night away.

Police found the two doormen, Dwayne Troupe, 22, of the 8500 block of South Bennett Ave., and Ambrosio Silva, 28, of the 5300 block of West Henderson St., were carrying guns. On searching the building, police found a woman, Zenobia Mills, 28, of the 700 block of South Kostner Ave., with a gun, as well as five other handguns in other parts of the building. The three were charged with felony unlawful use of a weapon and other gun-related crimes, and are being held in lieu of bail at the Cook County Jail.

Bernard Harrison, 26, of Oakbrook Terrace, admitted to police that he organized the party and was charging admission, according to the police report, and was cited with several city ordinance violations.

# Parolee accused in man's death

## Chicago Tribune

Despite an arrest warrant issued about six weeks earlier, parolee Lee Cration was still on the streets Christmas Eve, when he allegedly shot and killed an elderly Hyde Park man loading food for a holiday party into his car.

Cration, 48, was accused of failing to comply with terms of his parole and was listed as "AWOL," meaning that parole agents could not find him, according to Januari Smith, a Department of Corrections spokeswoman.

Yet some who had contact with Cration in the days before the Dec. 24 slaying questioned Tuesday why authorities had not been able to pick him up, and they rejected any notion that Cration had gone into hiding.

Instead, they said, he was regularly attending church, staying in city shelters and visiting with

friends up until last week.

"It's hard to believe that they couldn't find him; it's hard to believe," said Albert Thompson, a deacon at Cration's church who added that he had seen the ex-con about two weeks before the killing.

"The system failed and I think we failed," said Thompson. "He fell through the cracks."

Thompson and Michael Horton, the pastor of Hyde Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church, said that they had never been contacted by authorities about Cration's alleged parole violation.

Cration, who served 24 years in prison for a 1984 murder and two attacks on corrections officers while in custody, was paroled in November 2008. For the first 90 days after his release, the prison review board ordered electronic monitoring.



Sally Shireman and Matt Fish embrace on Jan. 1, 2000. **JOSE MORE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

# Y2K kissers: Where are they now?

Fireworks exploded in the sky at midnight on New Year's Eve in Chicago in 1999, and couples embraced each other, kissing and hugging to ring in a new century.

The scene repeated itself throughout the city, but for two people it's documented forever.

Sally Shireman and Matt Fish say they're still surprised they were featured in a front-page Tribune photograph on New Year's Day 2000.

"I went into a 7-Eleven to buy a newspaper and when I saw it my jaw just hit the floor," Fish, now 31, recalled.

The couple, then dating for about a year, split six months later as their lives took different directions.

Fish, a year younger, was still in college while Shireman moved to Louisville to work.

In 2005, Shireman married her high school sweetheart, Geoff Zikas, and now lives in Tinley Park with their two children. Now known as Sally Zikas, she works at WCIU-TV as a writer and producer in the promotions department.

Zikas, 32, recalled how she saw a Tribune photographer at the Hyatt Regency Chicago but never expected to be in the newspaper. "I still remember waking up that morning and just being flooded with phone calls with random people," she said.

Fish, meanwhile, now teaches gym at Andrew High School in Tinley Park.

He also married in 2005 and the couple has a daughter and lives in Shorewood. In a strange twist, Zikas said, both she and Fish—who stay in touch via Facebook—got engaged to different people on the same day and married a week apart.



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**Obama sets probe deadline**

**1** President Obama said Tuesday in Honolulu that “a systemic failure” allowed the attempted Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound flight from Amsterdam. He called it “totally unacceptable.” The president said he wants preliminary results by Thursday from two investigations he has ordered to examine the many lapses that occurred.

**Calls for peace**

**2** Authorities appealed for calm Tuesday after a bombing against a Shiite Muslim procession killed 43 people in Pakistan’s largest city, Karachi, setting off riots and igniting fears of sectarian unrest.

**Swine flu warning**

**3** Many more people could become sick with swine flu this winter even though it has peaked in North America and some European countries, the head of the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

**Pirates take two ships**

**4** Striking into the heavily patrolled Gulf of Aden, Somali pirates seized a British-flagged chemical tanker—the first merchant vessel to be hijacked there in nearly six months, the same day that a ship was taken by brigands in the Indian Ocean, officials said Tuesday.

# Iran steps up crackdown

**5** **TEHRAN** Iranian security forces have limited the movements of leading opposition figure Mehdi Karroubi by refusing to protect him when he leaves his home, his son said Tuesday as authorities broadened their crackdown with a new wave of arrests that included the sister of Nobel peace laureate Shirin Ebadi.

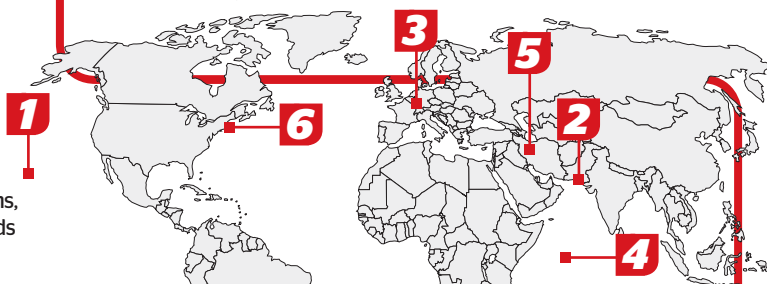
Iran’s worst internal violence in three decades has grown increasingly violent and bitter in the wake of clashes Sunday that left at least eight people dead. Security forces also arrested a relative of opposition leader Mir-Hossein Mousavi on Tuesday, while government supporters held rallies in at least three cities.

Iran accused the U.S. and Britain of fomenting the violence, threatening to “slap” Britain in the face as it summoned the British ambassador to an urgent meeting.



Demonstrators hold a protest Monday against the current Iranian government policy near the Iranian embassy in Paris. Shown are Ayatollah Khamenei, left, and Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, with the words “Down with the Dictator” below.

AP

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**6** A Massachusetts man who spent 18 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of raping three women has settled a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city of Boston for \$3.25 million. The deal comes eight months after a jury cited “clear and convincing evidence” that Ulysses Rodriguez Charles, 59, was innocent of the 1980 rapes in Boston’s Brighton neighborhood.

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# Fight clubs

Mixed martial arts leagues thrive as sport hits the mainstream

## UPCOMING MMA EVENTS

**UFC**  
**UFC 108**  
9 p.m. Saturday,  
pay-per-view

**WEC**  
**Jamie Varner vs. Ben Henderson**  
8 p.m. Jan. 10, Vs.

**Strikeforce**  
**Miami**  
9 p.m. Jan. 30,  
Showtime

**By Ryan Smith**  
FOR REDEYE

He may be a legal assistant, but Jon Stanford is just as likely to sprinkle the terms “rear naked choke” and “heel hook” into his everyday lexicon than “objection.”

That’s because the Lincoln Park resident, 27, is admittedly obsessed with all things mixed martial arts.

“A lot of people in Chicago talk like [Jay] Cutler this, or [Derrick] Rose that, but for me and my friends it’s all about [UFC fighters] Brock Lesnar and Randy Couture,” Stanford said.

MMA, a sport that combines boxing with kickboxing and various forms of mar-

tial arts, was once seen as an underground activity so brutal that John McCain called it “human cockfighting” and wanted it banned. But between network TV deals, eye-popping pay-per-view purchases and related movies, reality shows and video games—there’s evidence everywhere that MMA is breaking into the mainstream now more than ever before.

This season’s UFC reality show “The Ultimate Fighter” on Spike TV was the highest-rated in the series’ history, and it featured popular street fighter Kimbo Slice making his UFC debut Dec. 5.

The MMA-related movie “Death Warrior” starring UFC fighters Rashad Evans and Quinton “Rampage” Jackson

was released earlier this month on DVD, and Jackson also has been cast in Mr. T’s iconic role as B.A. Baracus for a new “A-Team” movie in the summer.

Also, UFC 2009 Undisputed was the best-selling video game when it was released in May, and EA plans to release its first MMA game—“EA Sports MMA”—next year.

In the ring, a Strikeforce event featuring heavyweight Fedor Emelianenko against Chicago native Brett Rogers at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates last month drew an average of 3.79 million viewers for CBS. In the 18-to-49 demographic, it drew more than a college football game on ABC, accord-

ing to Nielsen.

UFC’s monthly pay-per-views also continue to draw big numbers—just check with Chicago’s sports bars.

Nearly 1,000 MMA fans flocked to Joe’s Sports Bar in Lincoln Park last month to watch UFC 106, said Kelsey Maynard, 25, a music and promotions manager for the bar.

“Within the last year, UFC has really taken off, and there is standing room-only for the bigger bouts,” Maynard said. “It’s become so popular we just started doing table reservations.”

The increase in MMA’s visibility struck UFC fighter and Chicago-area native Clay Guida, 28, when he attended Cubs



## FOUR-WAY FIGHT

There are so many mixed martial arts leagues with alphabet soup names like UFC, WEC, ICF, FFC, RITC, it can be a challenge for the casual fan to follow the sport. So RedEye thinks it's past time to put four of the top leagues into the ring and let them sort it out Royal Rumble-style.

BY RYAN SMITH / FOR REDEYE

	UFC	STRIKEFORCE	WEC	BELLATOR
OVERVIEW	The two-ton gorilla of the mixed martial arts world controls 90 percent of the market share, according to a 2007 Forbes report.	One of the fastest-growing leagues, Strikeforce holds a second-place market share—even if it's a distant second to UFC.	World Extreme Cagefighting is a much smaller sister organization to UFC that focuses on lighter-weight fighters and uses smaller cages.	An up-and-coming organization targeting the Latino market.
TV DEALS	The league holds huge monthly pay-per-view events and has a lucrative deal with Spike TV for its reality show "Ultimate Fighter." Spike also shows replays of past PPV events.	The company signed a broadcast deal with CBS, which showed its first Strikeforce event in November, and Showtime to produce 16 live events per year.	Currently has an exclusive deal with cable sports channel Vs.	For the fighting promoter's second season starting April 8, Bellator will be broadcast on Fox SportsNet, NBC and Telemundo.
STAR POWER	Has near-household names in Chuck Liddell, Brock Lesnar and Randy Couture. Quinton "Rampage" Jackson will fill Mr. T's shoes in the "A-Team" movie coming out next summer.	This upstart league pulled off a major coup by signing talented Russian heavyweight Fedor Emelianenko away from UFC.	Fighters such as WEC featherweight champ Jose Aldo are exciting but aren't big stars yet.	Lightweight champion Eddie Alvarez was featured in an episode of the last season of MTV's MMA-themed "Bully Beatdown."
CHICAGO TIES	Standout lightweight fighter Clay Guida hails from Round Lake, Ill.	Chicagoan Brett Rogers nearly took down Emelianenko in a fight in Hoffman Estates in November.	Plenty of Chicago-area talent, including former bantamweight champ Miguel Torres from East Chicago, Ind., and top lightweight Ricardo Lamas.	The league is based out of River North.

games at Wrigley Field last season.

"I couldn't believe how many recognized me and said hi and wanted to take my picture," Guida said. "It was hard to even get to my seat. It was cool."

And while MMA viewers tend to be predominantly male, females are fans too.

"You'd be surprised how many women come watch our UFC fights. It's probably 70 to 30 men, but it's way more [women] than I expected," Maynard said.

Some women go beyond watching and step into the cage themselves. UFC doesn't have a female division, but promoters like Strikeforce aren't afraid to put female bouts on their fight cards. The league has 12 women on its roster and a match televised by Showtime in August featuring Gina Carano and Cristiane "Cyborg" Santos claimed an average audience of 576,000 viewers and was the highest rated MMA event ever for the pre-

mium cable network.

But even with all of MMA's growth, fighter Lyman Good, 24, the welterweight champ for Chicago-based MMA league Bellator, sees the potential for even more mainstream acceptance.

"I think it'll get more popular when more people are educated about it and realize it's not a barbarous sport and it's not something that degenerates do," said Good, who said he takes the sport so seriously he once slept in a MMA training cage for several weeks to prepare for a tournament. "The type of people that are doing this are very professional, and this is a very professional sport."

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# Clay says

## Chicago UFC fighter checks in with RedEye

By Ryan Smith  
FOR REDEYE

It's hard to miss Clay "The Carpenter" Guida. With a frantic fighting style and a long, frizzy hairstyle that has earned him the nickname Caveman by some MMA fans, the ex-carpenter is one of the most recognized faces in the UFC universe. Guida, who is from Round Lake, Ill., took a break from training recently to speak with RedEye.

### How did you get started in MMA?

A few years ago, I was actually in Alaska working as a fisherman and living on a boat, but I went to my brother's pro debut (middleweight Jason Guida). One of the fighters on the card ended up backing out of the match, and the promoter announced that he needed a fighter for an exhibition match. I ran over and begged my brother's manager to let me do it. I ended up taking the fight and lost in the second round, but I got hooked on it after that.

### You were a fisherman, but you also were a carpenter before that, right?

Yeah, I worked as a carpenter, which in the end turned out to be a good plus because one of my biggest sponsors now is the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. That's where I did my apprentice program.

### You're not a carpenter anymore, but you kept the nickname?

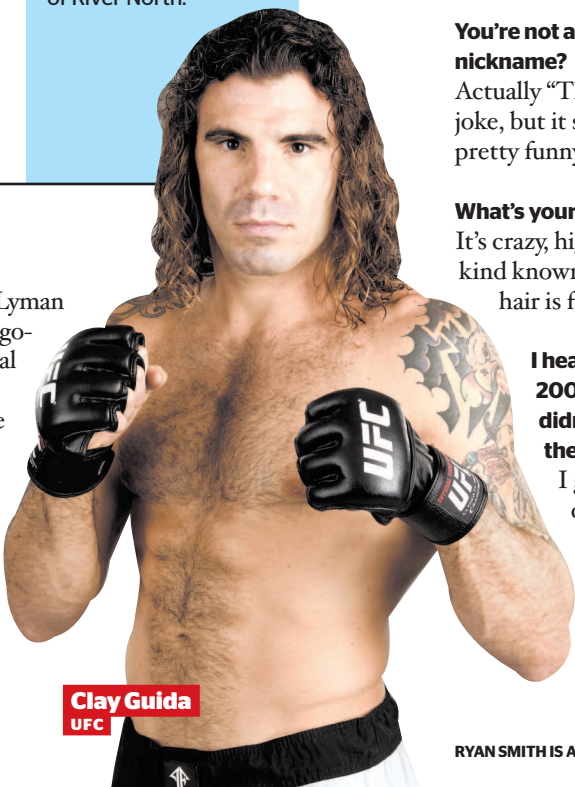
Actually "The Carpenter" kind of started out as a joke, but it stuck, and now I'm embracing it. It's pretty funny.

### What's your fighting style like?

It's crazy, high-energy, non-stop, in-your-face. I'm kind known for that relentless thing where my hair is flying everywhere.

### I hear you were supposed to be in the "UFC 2009 Undisputed" video game, but you didn't make it for an odd reason. What's the story behind that?

I guess (video game developer) THQ could not get my hair right during the animation so they left me out. It's too bad they didn't tell me because I would have told them they could have just put my hair back in a ponytail for the game. Hopefully I'll be in there next year.



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# Strikeout

Bowl games might be plentiful, but these five wouldn't even qualify as a Big Bowl dishwasher. [redeyechicago.com/5on5](http://redeyechicago.com/5on5).



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<b>1</b> Why had night games been particularly hard on the Bears before Monday?	Actually Monday night the Bears, like most of my men, looked better in the dark.	Jay Cutler plays those too.	During the night, the instinct to hibernate for the Bears just kicks in harder.	All games have been hard because they never came out of hibernation.	Two words: Night Terrors. <b>@theori</b>
<b>2</b> What's gotten into Patrick Kane this season?	Eh, he's 21 now. If he wants to let loose and slip one past the goalie, that's OK.	He changed. Get it?	I think he's gunning to be a first pick in a fantasy hockey league.	Denis Savard's signature "spin-o-rama!"	A desire to keep his job so he can pay cab fare. <b>@meganmiedema</b>
<b>3</b> Whom would you like to see coach the Bulls?	Buddy Lembeck. Vinny Del Negro's bag boy has moments of brilliance.	Urban Mey ... wait ... yep, Urban Meyer.	I'd say Mike D'Antoni, but we all know how that worked out for the Bulls last time.	Ditka.	Michael Jordan's legacy. <b>@salamimizer</b>
<b>4</b> What are you going to miss about fantasy football season?	Tim Tebow.	My money.	Everything. I finished first despite trading Larry Fitzgerald and losing my top two running backs.	Picking Favre as a Viking in the first round of the draft.	That I can use it as a conversation piece if I'm ever trapped in an awkward situation. <b>@cisforconnie</b>
<b>5</b> If Chicago athletes were in a mixed martial arts fight, who would emerge victorious?	Jo Noah because he's a knockout.	The Cubs' water cooler. It has the most experience.	Tyrus Thomas. As long as he doesn't have to stuff his opponents into small orange cylinders.	It depends ... is there any Jell-O or mud involved?	Mike Ditka. Need I say more? <b>@gordondym</b>

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**Tillman injury update**

Bears coach Lovie Smith confirmed Tuesday that cornerback Charles Tillman fractured his ribs and suffered a bruised lung in Monday night's victory.

**LOCAL TEAMS**

- » Dallas 5, Blackhawks 4
- » Bulls 104, Indiana 95

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

- » UIC 66, Toledo 52
- » S. Illinois 70, Indiana St. 52
- » Illinois St. 72, Wichita St. 57
- » Bradley 67, Drake 59
- » St. Louis 60, E. Illinois 42

# A fantastic four

Well, that's all folks.

Unless you're in a league that plays through Week 17 (which is sort of silly considering how many teams rest their stars for the playoffs), the fantasy football season is over. Hopefully all of that work neglecting your job or significant other paid off.

If not, just tell yourself what Cubs fans do in October—there's always next year.

In the meantime, let's hand out a few awards to 2009's studs and duds.

**Fantasy MVP: Chris Johnson**

It might have been the Year of the Quarterback in fantasy, but don't tell the owners of this Titans running back. After a slow start, Johnson topped 2,300 yards from scrimmage and scored 14 touchdowns. He may have gotten a bit too cocky in the process (Does he really think he's faster than Usain Bolt?), but after a season like this, it's hard to blame him.

**Runners-up:** Aaron Rodgers, Peyton Manning

**Fantasy LVP: Brian Westbrook**

Call it the curse of the smallish running back with tons of



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NFL-miles on his legs. Sad to say, but it's time to put poor, banged-up Westbrook on the scrapheap.

**Runners-up:** Clinton Portis, Steve Slaton

**Fantasy playoffs MVP: Jerome Harrison**

The few owners who inserted this little-known Browns running back in Week 15 got rewarded with 286 yards and three touchdowns. He followed it up Sunday with 148 yards and one TD against Oakland in most leagues' title games. Not bad for a guy who had 301 rushing yards through the first 14 weeks of the season.

**Runners-up:** Philip Rivers, Donovan McNabb

**Fantasy playoffs LVP: Drew Brees**

Before the fantasy playoffs, Brees and the Saints looked like "Avatar," a huge, spectacular production raking in eye-popping numbers. But the New Orleans quarterback has recently resembled "Land of the Lost," an overhyped bust.

**Runners-up:** DeAngelo Williams, Michael Turner

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**WATCH DOG**  
*By Whizzer*

Here now, my TV picks.

**HUMANITARIAN BOWL**  
**Bowling Green vs. Idaho**

3:30 p.m. ESPN

Since it's the Humanitarian Bowl, maybe they'll tackle one another gracefully.

**COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Northwestern at Illinois**

8 p.m. Big Ten Network

The Wildcats' first appearance this week in the Top 25 will be short-lived.

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**SNUGGIE POWER!**

Our city's first Snuggie Pub Crawl inspired lots of creative upgrades to the blanket with sleeves. We especially love the Teenage Mutant Ninja Snuggies pictured here.

# BEST OF NIGHTCRAWLERS 2009

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NIGHTLIFE MOMENTS  
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THIS YEAR

**LOVIN' THE LOCKS**

We're not sure which we like better: This dude's platinum mohawk or this Late Bar bartender's retro-licious platinum flip.

BY METROMIX STAFF  
FILE PHOTOS FOR METROMIX



**TWIN IS IN**

Are we seeing double? Or is this duo at Crocodile seeing the same stylist?

**Oh, snap!**

Browse hundreds more Nightcrawlers photos from 2009 at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) and leave comments of your own.

**STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT**

If we had an annual award for tightest knickers, this chap would most certainly win with his saucy satin number, seen at Cocktail on the Naughty Elves Pub Crawl.

**OW, OW, OW**

Attention Rockwood Place patrons: This is a sunburn, not a tank top, and we thank you not to touch.

**SOMEBODY'S WATCHING YOU**

This googly-eyed stack of Geico-saved bills seen at LaSalle Power Co.'s Halloween party doubles as a table for beer bottles. Brilliant on many levels.

**IS THAT A SWORD IN YOUR HAND?**

Uh, never mind. We're just glad someone's taking care of the rampant pirate problems at Faith & Whiskey.

**THE END**

When Wild Pug hosted its first Underwear Party for Valentine's Day, the staff strung clotheslines of drawers around the bar and donned their skivvies whilst pouring drinks. Many brave patrons jumped at the chance to drop trou too.

**best bets**

By Rebecca Palmore  
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**White Out Wednesday**

Ontourage,  
157 W. Ontario St.

Dance to Top 40, bhangra and more at this NYE pre-party featuring DJs Sohbash and Xplicit, plus \$2 lemon drops and \$5 martinis. 10 p.m. Cover varies. No cover for ladies before midnight with RSVP: [djsohbash@gmail.com](mailto:djsohbash@gmail.com)

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Take a peek at the new R-rated improv show from pH productions, "pHetish." Also features burlesque acts, appetizers, drinks, a dance party, champagne toast and more. 10 p.m. \$20-\$30.

**NYE yoga**

Bikram Yoga, 1344 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-395-9150

Want to spy hot bods on New Year's Eve? This hot-room yoga session, also taking place at the Lincoln Park studio (2736-A N. Clark St.), ends just before midnight with refreshments. 10:30 p.m. \$15.

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**5K Run/Walk**

Lincoln Park, 1600 N. Stockton Drive.  
773-868-3010

Kick off the New Year at this 25th annual jaunt through the park, expected to draw 1,500 participants. Includes one drink at the post-race party at Sedgwick's Bar & Grill. 9:30 a.m. registration; 11 a.m. race. \$30.

**Hangover Brunch**

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**AJA**  
5:30 p.m.: Regular dinner menu available along with a selection of \$99 bottles of champagne. Prices vary; 660 N. State St., Dana Hotel and Spa. 312-202-6050.

**CHEN'S CHINESE AND SUSHI**  
10 p.m.: Buffet, open bar and party favors. Regular menu also available. \$45; 3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100.

**DINE**  
4 p.m.: Three-course dinner. \$50; 733 W. Madison St. 312-602-2100.

**GIBSONS BAR & STEAKHOUSE**  
3 p.m.: Regular menu. Includes party favors and a midnight

champagne toast. Prices vary; 1028 N. Rush St. 312-266-8999.

**ITALIASIA**  
5 p.m.: Four-course dinner and a cocktail and champagne toast at Cityscape Bar. \$39.95; 350 W. Mart Center Dr. Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-529-1157.

**LA MEDITERRANEE**  
5:30 and 8:30 p.m. seatings: Four-course dinner, champagne toast and burlesque cabaret performance \$70-\$85; 941 W. Randolph St. 312-243-1818.

**LA SALUMERIA DEL MERLO**  
4 p.m.: Five-course dinner includes glasses of prosecco and moscato. \$75; 2638 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-529-0747.

**LE COLONIAL**  
5 p.m.: Three-course

dinner. \$65; 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0088.

**OLD TOWN BRASSERIE**  
9 p.m.: Four-course dinner, jazz and party favors. \$75; 1209 N. Wells St. 312-943-3000.

**OTOM**  
5 p.m.: Five-course tasting menu. \$75. \$105 with wine pairings; 951 W. Fulton Market. 312-491-5804.

**THE PALM COURT AT THE DRAKE HOTEL**  
9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.: Three-course dinner, a bottle of champagne and live music. Black tie attire required. \$150; 140 E. Walton Pl. 312-787-2200.

**RISTORANTE AL TEATRO**  
8 p.m.: Four-course meal includes a glass of prosecco. Entrees served with baked potato and broccoli. \$60; 1227 W. 18th St. 312-784-9100.

**SIGNATURE ROOM AT THE 95TH**  
8 p.m.-1 a.m.: Dinner, open bar and live music from the New Invaders, the Tony Calderisi Trio and SODA. \$200; 875 N. Michigan Ave. 312-787-9596.

**SOLA**  
5:30 p.m.: Specials available in addition to the regular menu, including miso black cod, Wagyu flat iron steak with fingerling-oxtail hash, tuna with avocado tempura, and braised pineapple with coconut sorbet. Prices vary; 3868 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-327-3868.

**SULLIVAN'S STEAKHOUSE-CHICAGO**  
4 p.m.: Four-course dinner. \$49 before 6 p.m.; \$69 after; 415 N. Dearborn St. 312-527-3510.

**SUSHISAMBA RIO**  
5 p.m.: Specials available in addition to the regular menu. DJ, live music and samba dancers. Dress in white in honor of the Brazilian celebration of Reveillon. Prices vary; 504 N. Wells St. 312-595-2300.

**SUSHI TAIYO**  
5:30 p.m.: Four-course dinner (\$50) or party in the upstairs lounge (\$100, 9 p.m.) featuring a premium open bar, appetizers, sushi and a DJ. Get both packages for \$125; 58 E. Ontario St. 312-440-1717.

**TAPAS VALENCIA**  
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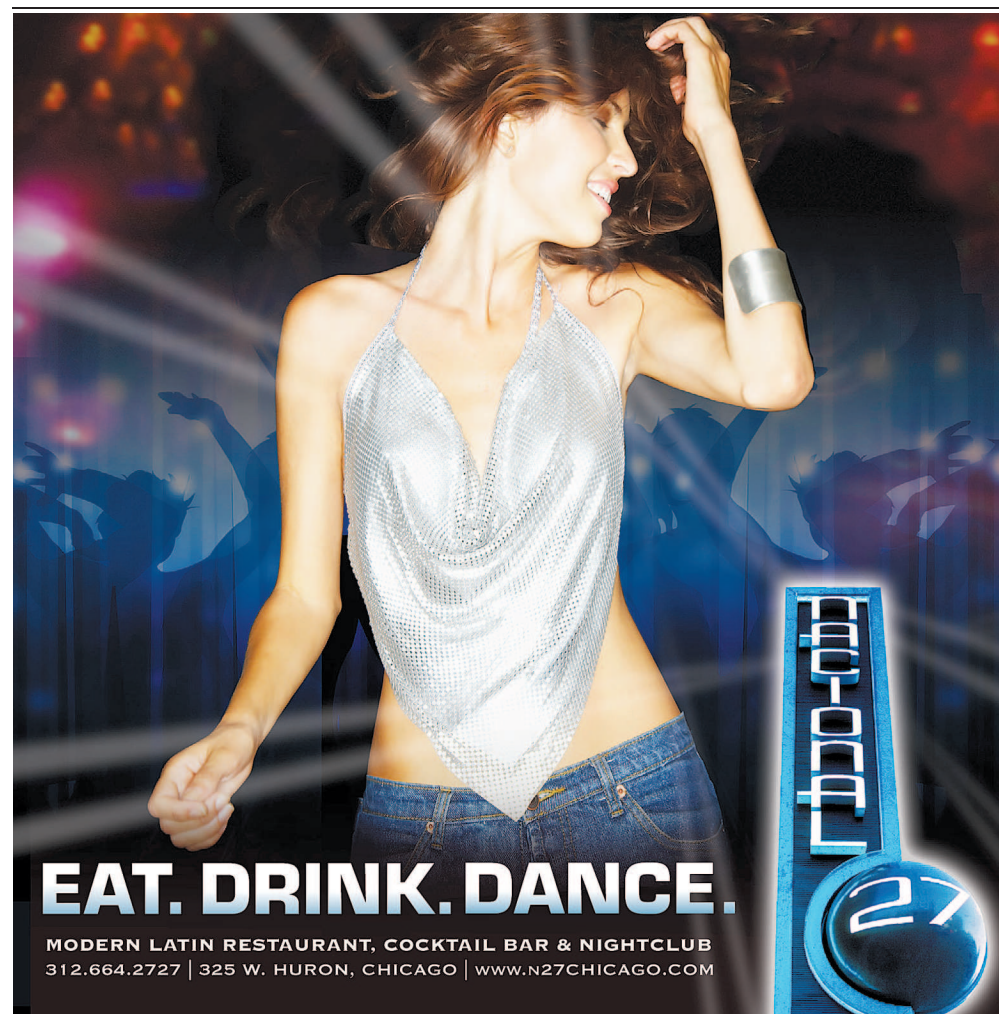
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\$30; 820 W. Jackson Blvd. 312-714-1001.

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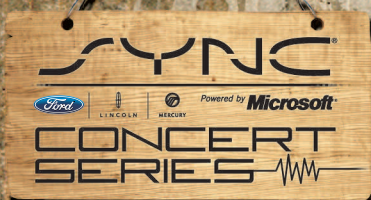
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### OLD TOWN PUB

\$3.50 Bud Light and Michelob Ultra bottles, \$5 you-call-it bombs, karaoke 9:30 p.m.; 1339 N. Wells St. 312-266-6789.

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\$2 PBR cans, \$3 glasses of sangria, \$4 Estrella bottles, \$5 Sobieski and Svedka cocktails, \$3 tapas (5:30-7 p.m.); 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

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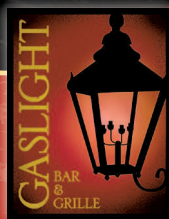
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Each week during 2009, we professed our love for five randomly wonderful things, from the Music Box's buttery popcorn to wasabi-spiced cocktails. Here's our last round of random raves for 2009. View all of our obsessions—more than 250—from this year online at **metromix.com**.



**Alambres pastor**  
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX



**1** The **Dry Harbour Iced Tea** (\$10, above) at Mr. Brown's Lounge (2301 W. Chicago Ave.). Made with brown sugar and served in a tall glass, this rum cocktail is a friendlier spin on the Long Island.

**2** **Alambres pastor** (\$12) at new Pilsen BYOB Decolores (1626 S. Halsted St.). Pork is marinated in fresh pineapple and homemade guajillo salsa (a tomato salsa), then skewered alongside marinated peppers, onions, tomatoes and pineapple. You're sure to leave with leftovers.

**3** The **roasted veggie salad** (\$12.95) at Fat Willy's Rib Shack (2416 W. Schubert Ave.). Not exactly what you'd expect from a barbecue joint, but this awesome combination of roasted sweet potatoes, goat cheese and cornbread croutons is worth a try.

**4** The South Loop's new **Showplace Icon Theatre** (150 W. Roosevelt Rd.). Between the free parking (at least for now), the on-site frozen yogurt and Jerry Kleiner's swanky Lobby Lounge, you can't really go wrong. What to see? Of the new flicks, the dazzling "Nine" your best bet.

**5** The **closing sale** at Wicker Park boutique Strut (1744 W. Division St.). Discounts at this trendy store for men and women run 50 percent to 75 percent until it shuts Jan. 31.

### Join the randomness!

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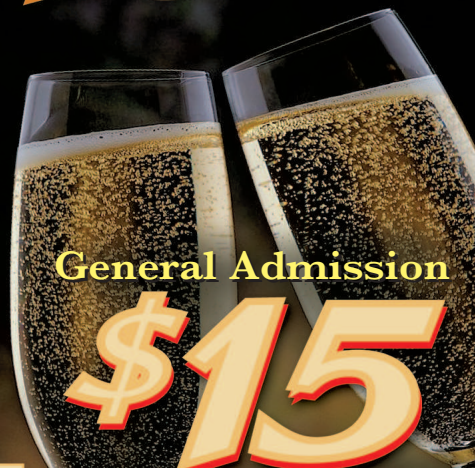
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**The Black  
Keys**

### 1 The Black Keys

10 p.m. Thu., 8 p.m. Fri.  
at Riviera

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can do.

### 2 Jens Lekman

9:30 p.m. Thu., 10 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. at Empty Bottle

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see one of Sweden's  
sweetest.

### 3 Kid, You'll Move Mountains

9 p.m. Sat. at Metro  
They released our fave  
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### 4 The Ivorys

8 p.m. Sat. at  
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**David Yow**  
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## LIZARD'S LAST STAND?

### Jesus Lizard singer David Yow says the band may be done after NYE

**By Matt Pais**

There are no Jesus Lizard concerts scheduled after New Year's Eve at Metro, and singer David Yow says it very well could be the veteran Chicago rockers' last hurrah. As if you needed another reason to go to the show.

The explosive live act (transplanted to Chicago from Texas in the late '80s) is pretty much mayhem ensured. Yow now lives in Silver Lake, Calif., and is 49. Since the band reunited earlier this year for a variety of shows, including headlining

the Pitchfork Music Festival, he has reaffirmed his reputation for unbridled mania on stage—though he notes he's no longer as prone to onstage nudity as he once was. On Thanksgiving weekend he bruised a few ribs while crowd-surfing at Metro but played the following night's show anyway.

#### How different are crowds on NYE?

We all know that New Year's is amateur night, so I'm sure there'll be a bunch of lunkheads that want to prove to their friends that they can drink more Jager than the guy next to 'em.

#### What do you hope fans get out of the show?

That they walk away going, "Wow, that sure was a good way to start 2010. Those guys are the best band ever." Something like that.

#### What's the craziest NYE experience you've ever had?

I don't know! It was probably in Austin, Texas, and it probably involved a lot of hallucinogens.

#### What goes through your head when you're leaping off the stage?

The sound of crickets and screaming children. ... If I fall, usually it doesn't hurt. If I fall and it hurts, the thing that's going through my head is "Ow."



**Do you think the type of concert The Jesus Lizard puts on stands out more now than it used to?**

I think it might, because from what I can tell—and granted I don't keep up that much with the music scene these days—it does seem to me that, in modern post-punk, there's very little risk involved. And back when we were a band so long ago, danger was much more prevalent in the presentation of that kind of noisy music.

**Which is a good thing.**

I enjoyed it. That was part of what got me into punk rock. Some of the first punk-rock shows that I ever saw in Austin, it had never, ever occurred to me that you might go to a show and get hurt by somebody who's playing onstage. I don't want to get hurt. I don't want anybody else to get hurt at all. But the fact that the risk is there, the fact that the possibility is there is exciting.

**What tips do you have for fans to have the best possible NYE?**

[Laughs] Well, have a bag full of condoms. Practice safe sex. Drink as much as you possibly can. If you're able to get any drugs, do 'em all. And dress up like a baby after midnight.

**What hangover tips do you have for Jan. 1?**

An ice cold can of Coca-Cola. And maybe some ibuprofen. It seems like a lot of folks like really greasy food after a night of drinking. I'm not a fan of that. I like something cooler and crisper and sort of refreshing like a salad.

**This could be the band's last show. Any speculation on what happens next?**

No. A few years ago Scratch Acid reunited to do a handful of shows and that kinda taught me to quit saying never, which I've done many times and it ends up kind of biting me in the butt because then I look like a dummy when I do things that I said I would never do. So I'm not going to say that we'll never play another show. I don't think we will, and I kinda doubt that we will, but I think that it's possible. But right now there are no plans to do anything after New Year's.

**If the show is the last one, how do you want to be remembered?**

Fondly. A band who worked really hard, never really got anywhere but were important to a handful of people who don't know much about anything.

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## TOP 15 NYE SHOWS

**THE BLACK KEYS, KURT VILE & THE VIOLATORS**  
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**CRYSTAL CASTLES, DJ ALEX ZELENKA, MIDNIGHT CONSPIRACY (DJ SET), PRETTY GOOD DANCE MOVES**  
8:30 p.m. \$30-\$50.  
Logan Square  
Auditorium, 2539 N.  
Kedzie Ave.  
773-252-6179.

**THE CRYSTAL METHOD, MARIO FLOREK AND DJ ROW, NICK ROCKWELL, JOHNNY CHAOS, JOHN CURLEY, JASON PATRICK KLECTIK, OTHERS**  
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**THE FIERY FURNACES, CRYPTACIZE**  
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9:30 p.m. Sold out.  
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2135 N. Milwaukee  
Ave. 866-468-3401.

**JENS LEKMAN, AIR FRANCE (DJ SET)**  
9:30 p.m. \$30. Empty  
Bottle, 1035 N.  
Western Ave.  
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**THE JESUS LIZARD**  
10 p.m. \$51-\$61; \$500  
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3730 N. Clark St.  
773-549-0203.

**JILL AND JULIA SHOW**  
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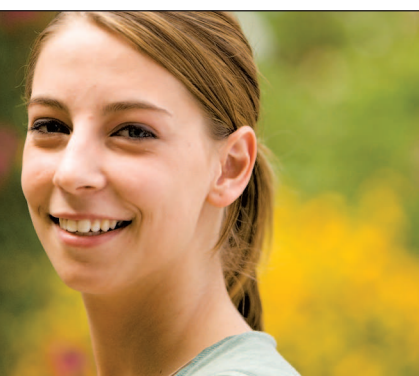
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**ROY HARGROVE QUINTET**  
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## WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

## 3DR, RIOT INSIDE

8 p.m. \$5-\$8. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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**3** The third installment from Neo-Futurists Sean Benjamin and Steve Mosqueda features personal anecdotes intertwined with prose from John Cheever and Charles Bukowski. 4 p.m. Saturday. Through Jan. 16. \$15. Hopleaf, 5148 N. Clark St. 773-334-9851.

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**The Wind in the Willows**

**5** A musical adaptation of the classic story portrays animals behaving like humans. Final shows Thursday-Sunday. \$25. City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-293-3682.



Now, that's  
funny!

**Wipe that frown off your face with this new crop of comedies**

By Rebecca Palmore

In case you haven't noticed, there's no shortage of funny business in Chicago. You can see improv, stand-up and sketch just about any night of the week. To help you sort through the chatter and chuckles, we've rounded up some of the newest shows in town. Find more theater listings online at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

**People in the City**

Dominizuelan, aka Lori Diaz and Wendy Mateo, portrays 20 urban characters, from drunk Cubs fans to drug addicts, in the remount of their sketch comedy show, which debuted at iO in the summer and reopens on New Year's Eve. Charna Halpern directs. Next show: 8 p.m. Thursday. Through Feb. 25. \$10; \$20 on New Year's Eve. iO, 3541 N. Clark St. 773-880-0199.

**Kink**

The secret sex life of suburbia is the focus of this new musical comedy directed by Annoyance vet Rebecca Sohn, in which Mom is a closet dominatrix, Dad's cross-dressing, and two teenage girls on the brink of sexual confusion prep for homecoming. Previews 8 p.m. Saturday. Through March 6. \$15; \$10 previews through Jan. 9. The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665.

**Tomato/Tomatoe**

Kevin Miller and Sherman Edwards are back with the fourth installment of their sitcom-style show, titled "The Rift Episode." Chaos ensues in the new storyline when the mismatched roommates have a fight that prompts an ugly shift in living arrangements. Includes original commercial breaks. Next show: 8 p.m. Sunday. Through Jan. 24. \$10. The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665.

**Give Us Money**

It's the final 60 minutes of a 24-hour telethon raising funds for inane causes ("douchebag syndrome" and "prevention of 2010" are among them), and you're invited to hear the pitches and watch a roster of talented acts. Opens 8 p.m. Monday. Through Jan. 25. \$10. Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-598-4549.

**The Comedians You Should Know Show**

This weekly stand-up showcase, which debuted at Fizz Bar & Grill in 2008, takes up residence at Timothy O'Toole's with a free show Jan. 6 (tickets cost \$5 after the free show). Each show features eight Chicago-based comedians, including [comedy.com](http://comedy.com) favorites Danny Kallas, Mike Sheehan and Junior Stopka, plus a local or national guest. Opens 9 p.m. Jan. 6. \$5 starting Jan. 13. 622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700.

**pHetish**

The newest show from pH Productions riffs on the most entertaining category of classified ad: the personals. Improv actors imagine the lives of the placers and responders—fetishes and fantasies intact—and the romantic encounters that unfold. The forecast is raunchy. The show premieres at the pH NYE party, Sin in 2010 (\$20-\$30). Regular run continues 11:59 p.m. Jan. 8. \$5-\$10. Studio BE, 3110 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-732-5450.

**Dummy**

Real-life partners Colleen Doyle and Jason Shotts take their chemistry to the stage for a limited improv engagement. The duo has appeared at the Second City, iO and with the Upright Citizens Brigade. A rotating roster of guest teams opens. \$10. Next show: 8 p.m. Jan. 10. Through Feb. 28. Chemically Imbalanced Comedy, 1420 W. Irving Park Rd. 800-838-3006.

**SketchFest**

The mother lode of comedy shows descends on Chicago from Jan. 7-17. See more than 100 groups from Chicago and across the U.S. perform on three stages. Thursday and Sunday nights feature two 35-minute performances; Friday and Saturday nights include one 40-minute show. Opening-night acts include locally based teams Williams & Martinez, Think Tank, Cell Camp and more. \$12.50 per show; \$150 for all-festival pass. Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-5252.

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# SQUEEZE PLAY

## Chicago Tribune

Throughout its 80-year history, Cook County Jail has been a place of mystery, its inner workings shielded from the public and the media.

Beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, the “Crook County Jail” will get more exposure than ever when MSNBC’s “The Squeeze” debuts, taking a look at the inner workings of the largest single-site county jail facility in the U.S., and profiling the people who work and do time there.

“The Squeeze” takes cameras inside the jail, a feat made possible, those involved would have you believe, by a sheriff who advocates openness.

“I think [Cook County Sheriff] Tom Dart is somebody who believes in transparent government,” said Melissa Cutlip, vice president of development with local production house 20 West, which created the series. “Under the prior sheriff there was limited—if any—media access. Dart took over and revisited policy. He’s letting the taxpayers know what they’re paying for at Cook County Jail.”

Dart’s spokesman, Steve Patterson, said something similar.

“When he came on, the sheriff wanted to open the doors in ways that hadn’t been done before. This is a way to show the taxpayers and county commissioners and the nation what the Cook County Sheriff’s Department does,” Patterson said.

“The Squeeze” isn’t intended as a fluff piece on cops or some audio-visual tour of the jail, located in the Little Village neighborhood on the city’s Southwest Side. It’s a gritty examination of the process of extracting—squeezing—information from inmates and employing that intelligence on the street. Central players in these hourlong documentaries are members of the sheriff’s Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) and officers assigned to the Gang Unit.

“The CIU works out of the jail, identifying gang members,” said Lt. John Blair, who appears on the show. “When [inmates] find out about something on the street, they reach out to us.”

Blair believes the appeal of “The Squeeze” is the concept of intelligence gathering—a practice that, for most viewers, isn’t well understood.

“We’re not just working gangs on the street,” said the 15-year veteran. “We’re multitasking.”

In the first episode, CIU officers greet inmates arriving at what they call “Crook County Jail.” The officers then start meeting with gang members, first-timers and jail veterans—all presumed innocent until proven guilty, all potential sources of information that can help quell violence within the jail and on the streets of Chicago.

The show exercises care, Cutlip said.

“We take the safety of the jail staff into account, along with the rights of those in jail and the confidentiality of informants. Those are serious things that we don’t want to compromise,” she said.

Unless inmates sign releases to appear in the program, their faces are blurred. CIU supervisors review all footage to ensure this policy

is enforced. But beyond that jail staff has no input on what gets included in “The Squeeze,” Cutlip said. Patterson said a contract with 20 West includes a clause that holds the production company liable should any lawsuits be filed over the show.

Cutlip estimates 70 hours of footage is whittled down to create each 46-minute episode. “The goal here is to show how this operation works—intelligence from jail is shared with the Sheriff’s Department, and they do the investigation. This is not a process that we can produce. It’s a vérité documentary.”

While it’s unfair to pick out a star of a reality show about people merely doing their jobs, CIU investigator Adrian Sandoval, 38, shines. Called The Sandman by inmates, he trolls through the bowels of Cook County Jail, knocking fists and chatting with inmates, determining who will be willing to exchange intelligence for a possible recommendation for leniency from the state’s attorney.

## ‘THE SQUEEZE’ BY-THE-NUMBERS

Here are some stats about the Cook County Jail and the Sheriff’s Criminal Intelligence Unit viewers will learn while watching MSNBC’s “The Squeeze”:



**10** Number of city blocks the Cook County Jail occupies.

**100,000** Number of gang members in Chicago.

**10,000** Number of inmates the jail houses at any given time.



Percentage of Cook County Jail inmates that are members of the gangs Latin Kings, Vice Lords or Gangster Disciples.





MSNBC PHOTOS

## MSNBC'S LATEST CRIME DOC DETAILS COOK COUNTY JAIL INVESTIGATORS CHATTING UP INMATES TO SOLVE CRIMES

"A lot of people only get to see the negativity here," Sandoval said. "We agreed to participate with MSNBC because we want people to know exactly what we do. We're gathering information to make this institution safer and to build a better community."

While the bulk of the program takes place inside the jail, the cameras follow officers as they take advantage of information gleaned from inmates. In the first episode, they find a weapon hidden beneath couches in littered alleys, exactly where an informant told them to look. They barge into houses to serve warrants.

"I've filmed about 25 warrants being served and I've gotten used to it—the guns out, the doors being slammed in. But I'm still scared every time," director of photography Joe Fitzgerald said.

A veteran of reality shows, the Logan Square cameraman gets patted down when entering restricted sections of the jail and wears a bulletproof vest on Chicago streets.

The program depicts the care that is taken to protect inmates who provide intelligence. Interview sessions are often clandestine. Inmates even call the officers' cell phones from within the jail.

"We can get up-to-the-minute information," said Sandoval, who began working at the jail in 1995 as a correctional officer before transferring to the SWAT team, and ultimately helping found the Gang Intelligence Unit, which was recently renamed the Criminal Intelligence Unit.

When asked about the effectiveness of this unit, Sandoval describes an incident in the summer of 2008, when an inmate awaiting trial for a narcotics charge provided details about a homicide on the North Side. That led to convictions for murder.

"The show lets us tell our side of the story," Sandoval said. "They get to see a perception of us other than what they see in the media. We want people to know that we're regular human beings and that this is our career."



**show patrol**

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### MORE ONLINE

For a photo gallery and a preview of "The Squeeze" check out **chicago now.com/blogs/show-patrol/**



### 'The Squeeze'

9 p.m. Friday, MSNBC

Reality TV is littered with plenty of true-crime shows that overzealously flatter the officers they show—a turn-off for viewers who want an untainted look at the crime-solving process. "The Squeeze" does not follow that pattern.

The new MSNBC docu-series is a surprisingly ego-free look at members of the Cook

County Sheriff's Criminal Intelligence Unit, who "squeeze" inmates at the Cook County Jail for information that can be used against Chicago's gangs.

And CIU investigators have plenty of possible informants. The jail takes in anywhere from 500 to 1,000 new inmates a day, according to Frank Diaz, CIU superintendent. "This is a never-ending process," he says in the debut.

Viewers see how the intelligence CIU investigators gather—most often in secret—leads to drug busts, grabbing of illegal weapons and solving murders.

The CIU agents viewers meet are all about their work, not promoting themselves—a refreshing change from other shows of this kind. That, and the fact that all this is happening right here in Chicago, makes "The Squeeze" an interesting, compelling series.



**33** Total number of Criminal Intelligence Unit members.

**14** Number of CIU members who work as gang investigators such as those on "The Squeeze."

**262**

**645** Number of drug arrests sheriff's police made in 2009.

Number of criminal cases CIU investigators have handled from within the walls of Cook County Jail this year.



**500**

Estimated number of guns sheriff's police got off the streets through traffic stops, search warrants and tips from informants in 2009.

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Most likely when you hear the word "Champagne," weddings, parties and festive gatherings very much like the ones that take place on New Year's Eve come to mind. This is not by chance; the product has been marketed for generations as the beverage to toast and anoint the crowning achievements of tastemakers, the nobility and aristocrats — and naturally we have come to associate with and include Champagne in the celebrations of our lives.

So we know we want Champagne, but which one is right for us? Well, the people who make Champagne would want us to keep this fundamental rule in mind: Champagne can only come from the Champagne region of France, and everything else is sparkling wine.

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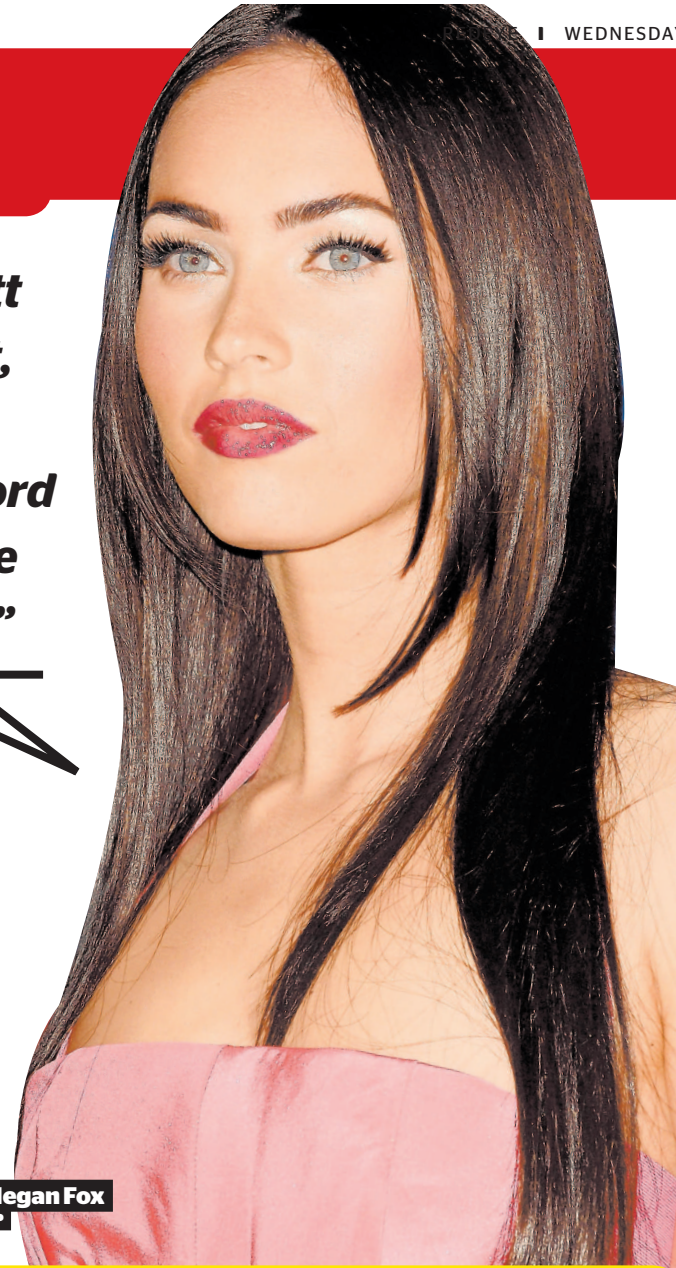
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Megan Fox  
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Celebrities say the darndest things. Here's a roundup of what was heard on the pop-culture circuit this year: **MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS**



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Discussing her romantic comedy "The Proposal" in June.



*"Women and gay men everywhere are going to be thrilled."*

**KATHY GRIFFIN**

On Levi Johnston's nude photo shoot for Playgirl.



*"I went to sleep as Rihanna and woke up as Britney Spears."*

**RIHANNA**

On the media attention that came her way after boyfriend Chris Brown assaulted her in February.



*"The best people won."*

**SUSAN BOYLE**

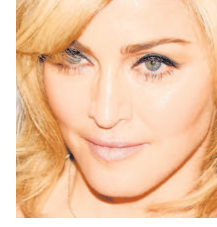
Gracious after finishing second on "Britain's Got Talent" in May.



*"I know what you're saying: 'I'll be darned. Dave had sex.'"*

**DAVID LETTERMAN**

Telling his audience in October he had affairs with female staff members.



*"I think I'd rather get run over by a train."*

**MADONNA**

Newly divorced from Guy Ritchie, telling David Letterman in October her plans to never marry again.



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### TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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### ACROSS

- 1 Scout's shoulder band
- 5 Israel's Meir
- 10 On the waves
- 14 Name for a circular cracker
- 15 To no \_; uselessly
- 16 Night twinkler
- 17 Mine passage
- 18 How to carry a 2 x 4 through most doorways
- 20 Topaz or ruby
- 21 Arm bone
- 22 Major blood vessel
- 23 Ore deposits
- 25 To and \_
- 26 Not tottering
- 28 Stinging insect
- 31 Freight
- 32 Like adhesive paste
- 34 Barrel
- 36 Cincinnati, \_
- 37 Attempts
- 38 Bad situation
- 39 2000 pounds
- 40 Enjoys a book
- 41 Yuletide visitor
- 42 Pompousness
- 44 Restrain with a rope
- 45 Piece of cookware
- 46 \_ apso; small Tibetan dog
- 47 Creek
- 50 Ms. Stapleton
- 51 Opposite of pos.
- 54 Prevailing trend
- 57 Nervous
- 58 Long
- 59 Stead
- 60 500 sheets of paper
- 61 Toboggan
- 62 Oxen bars
- 63 Inserts

### DOWN

- 1 Carpet popular in the 1970s
- 2 Assistant
- 3 Shine with a flickering light
- 4 Feverish
- 5 Ship's kitchen
- 6 Kilns
- 7 Actress Turner

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| 8 Use a shovel                    | 27 Nevada border lake  | 44 Longest river that is entirely in England |
| 9 Distance above sea level: abbr. | 28 Colors              | 46 Rental contract                           |
| 10 About to faint                 | 29 Fair                | 47 Mischief-makers                           |
| 11 Blender speed                  | 30 Take a bite         | 48 Rivet or stud                             |
| 12 Direction                      | 32 Tiny weight unit    | 49 Out of _; misbehaving                     |
| 13 Vicinity                       | 33 Cover               | 50 Pull suddenly                             |
| 19 _ S. Truman                    | 35 Feodor I or Ivan IV | 52 Mild oath                                 |
| 21 Take apart                     | 37 Examination         | 53 Health clubs                              |
| 24 "Othello" villain              | 38 Cushions            | 55 Your, long ago                            |
| 25 Enemies                        | 40 Major melees        | 56 Winnie-the-Pooh's pal                     |
| 26 Glasgow native                 | 41 Actor Connery       | 57 Historical age                            |
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## BEST & WORST YEAR EVER

Megan Fox was both the worst and the sexiest actress of 2009. According to a poll on [moviefone.com](http://moviefone.com), her movie, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" also had a mixed verdict, coming in as both the worst movie of the year and the year's best action movie.



Fox  
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HOT DATE

Cudlitz

**Jan. 6** That's when TNT will host an exclusive screening of a never-before-seen episode of "Southland" at Crimson Lounge (333 N. Dearborn St.). To score a pass to the party, which will include a Q&A with star Michael Cudlitz hosted by RedEye's own Curt Wagner, send an e-mail to [southlandchicago@gmail.com](mailto:southlandchicago@gmail.com) with "SHOW PATROL" in the subject line.



### The Snook of love

Snooki, aka Nicole Polizzi, has conquered Jersey and now has matchmaking reality TV in her sights. The smallest cast member from MTV's "Jersey Shore" told OK! Magazine she wants to star in a dating show. "I want to find my prince. I'd have 27 guys: guidos and juice heads. That'd be heaven. Every time I'd pick a guy, I'd give them a pickle and we'd eat the pickles at the end."

### Together? Not? Something else?

The celeb gossip sites were reporting Tuesday that Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner have broken up, if they were ever together anyway. Why must the love—if it was love; we don't know for sure—between a country superstar and a rising Hollywood hottie be so complicated?



### A few words with Leighton

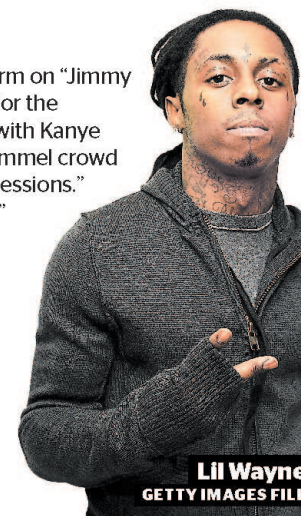
How would "Gossip Girl" Leighton Meester describe the sound of her upcoming debut album in five words or less? "I guess I'd say fun, new, sexy, cute, electric, um, how many words was that? Emotionally driven." Close enough. Meester will perform "Somebody to Love" and other songs from the electro-pop album at the Underground (56 W. Illinois St.) on Friday. RSVP to [vip@rockitranch.com](mailto:vip@rockitranch.com) by noon Friday to get on the list (cover is \$20). Read the full interview on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

### Really Doe ready

South Side native Really Doe is set to perform on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Jan. 6, according to a rep for the rapper. Really Doe, who runs in rap circles with Kanye West, GLC and Kid Cudi, will likely hit the Kimmel crowd with a song from his solo debut, "First Impressions." Get more Doe dish and see his "Mesmerize" video at [redeychicago.com/kylesfiles](http://redeychicago.com/kylesfiles).

### Lil stop

Lil Wayne returned to his hometown of New Orleans for a show Monday on what he's calling his farewell tour, The Associated Press reports. He is expected to be sentenced on a weapons possession charge Feb. 9.



Lil Wayne  
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